



**MARIN**  
**AT A GLANCE**  
COUNTY OF MARIN  
ANNUAL REPORT  
**2017**



## FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Residents:

I'm pleased to present to you the 2017 Marin At A Glance Annual Report, which highlights just a few services Marin County government provided for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. Consistent with our five countywide goals, this report presents data in the areas of:

- Healthy Communities
- Community Participation
- Sustainable Communities
- Safe Communities
- Environmental Preservation



This year, this document is one part of a larger multimedia report that includes our 2018 State of the County video, highlighting the top priorities for 2018, which I hope you will watch and enjoy. Our top priorities include ensuring ongoing fiscal responsibility, maintaining quality roads, addressing housing needs, developing equitable solutions, and adapting to climate change.

This report followed our 5 Year Business Plan, which aims to strengthen our communication, increase public engagement and improve our services in order to become a more responsive government for Marin County.

We strive to hold ourselves accountable and make strong progress in these priority areas. However, it takes collaboration and true community engagement to make local government work. We encourage our residents to pay close attention and get involved where possible.

I invite you to visit [marincounty.org/StateOfTheCounty](http://marincounty.org/StateOfTheCounty) to access our State of the County report and view more examples of how the County workforce works for you and how you can become more engaged in the process of making Marin a better place to live.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Hymel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Matthew Hymel  
County Administrator



# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

## Highlights from 2016-17:

- The County's track record of being one of the healthiest counties in California remained intact (No. 2 among 58).
- The County's aging services network expanded, including improving approaches to mental health, care coordination and dementia.
- The County continued to encourage human-powered transportation through pathway widenings, bike lane additions, and sidewalk gap closures.
- Marin is one of the first counties in the state to adopt a Racial Equity Action Plan, which seeks to ensure just and fair inclusion in our community.
- Naloxone, a drug that reverses opioid overdoses, was made available to public safety agencies by RxSafe Marin, a coalition that includes several County departments.

## MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN MARIN COUNTY JAIL

It's a cold-hard fact: There are nearly five times as many mentally ill people in jails and prisons than there are in mental hospitals. More offenders sentenced to local jails instead of state prisons has placed harsh responsibilities on county governments. Yet Marin County is committed to improving inmate mental health services.

In 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved a crisis specialist to work evening hours and a full-time crisis unit supervisor in the jail. This will lead to programmatic changes, better documentation of inmate cases, and stronger teamwork between custody staff and medical staff.

Those inmates who may be treatment-resistant or mentally ill (whom are charged with misdemeanor offenses and have been found to be incompetent to stand trial) will have access to a restorative program to help them gain competence to stand trial.



**2,466**  
FAMILIES SERVED BY  
**CHILD SUPPORT  
SERVICES**

**93%**

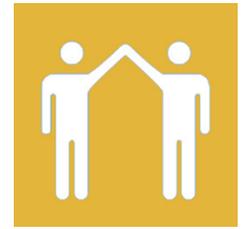


OF ENTERING  
KINDERGARTENERS  
**ARE FULLY  
VACCINATED**



**230,000**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

# COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



7,596



NEW YOUTH LIBRARY CARDS DISTRIBUTED

89%  
VOTER  
TURNOUT  
(Nov. 2016 Election)



3,115



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TOURS

## A COMMUNITY DRIVEN STRATEGIC PLAN

After collecting feedback from community stakeholders, the Department of Health and Human Services will release the external, community-facing component of its All in Marin Strategic Plan in spring 2018. The plan will guide HHS's work and address specific community needs over the next five years. It will focus on transforming inequitable conditions, strengthening partnerships with communities and the clients served, and improving the quality of services and programs.

Developing the strategic plan included a rigorous data review as well as input from 144 clients and non-clients who participated in focus groups held countywide. Stakeholders contributed through facilitated discussions to help develop a plan that is focused to meet the needs of our community.

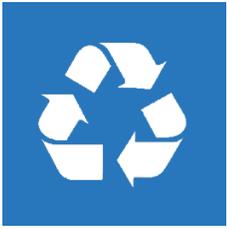
1,678



MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

## Highlights from 2016-17:

- Public engagement was a crucial component of Marin County Parks' 2017 Road and Trail Work Plan, which reduced environmental impacts, improved visitor safety, and enhanced recreation.
- The County debuted a new online payment center, making it easier for residents to pay permit fees or fines.
- Community stakeholders contributed to the creation of the County's first "State of the County" video message, which received an award of merit from the California Association of Public Information Officials.
- For the first time since 2002, Marin farmers and ranchers were surveyed about the new and emerging challenges they face.
- The Game of Floods, a County-created sea-level rise board game, was awarded the Gold 2017 National Planning Achievement Award for Public Outreach.



# SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

## Highlights from 2016-17:

- The Board adopted the County's RideGreen pilot program, encouraging employee use of alternate forms of transportation and discouraging workers from driving alone.
- Parks addressed public concerns about the methods used to combat aggressive and harmful weeds by installing an updated Integrated Pest Management program for its open space preserves.
- Public Works is furthering its commitment to sustainable energy with the unveiling of a portable solar-powered vehicle charging station.
- A Whole Person Care division was created by Health and Human Services to coordinate physical health, behavioral health, and social services.

## 4-H IN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The 4-H Youth Development Program is thriving in Marin. Overseen by the County's Farm Advisor's Office (aka University of California Cooperative Extension Marin), the 4-H team works closely with kids and educators in science, technology, engineering, math – the STEM subjects. The results have been inspirational.

The program offers training to staff from four nonprofit after-school organizations on the latest and most effective STEM teaching methods. Marin's young 4-Hers are learning environmental science, physics, aeronautics, chemistry, and solar technology through the eyes of freshly invigorated instructors.

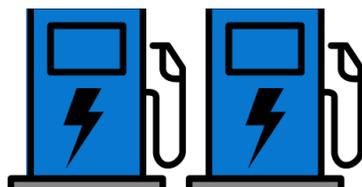
Also, 4-H has emphasized equal access to all youths, including the 28 percent of Marin kids who identify as Latino. Kids from Bahia Vista and San Pedro elementary schools and Davidson Middle School get a taste of 4-H life at the Canal Kids Club and the YMCA.



**82%**

EXPRESS  
PERMITS  
PROCESSED  
SAME DAY

**80**



COUNTY ELECTRIC  
VEHICLES, UP 7  
FROM LAST YEAR

**\$237,380,000**

TAX DOLLARS  
APPORTIONED



# SAFE COMMUNITIES



**96% OF  
PROBATION CASES  
SUCCESSFULLY  
COMPLETE  
PROGRAMS WITH  
NO NEW FELONIES**

RESPONDED  
TO **3,395**  
EMERGENCY CALLS



**685 GUNS  
SURRENDERED  
VIA BUYBACK  
INITIATIVE**

## Highlights from 2016-17:

- The County created a Safe Drug Disposal Program, requiring drug producers selling medications in Marin to help collect and dispose of unwanted drugs from residential sources.
- The District Attorney's established a Hate Crime Hotline and created a new webpage to address human trafficking.
- Several County departments coordinated the third annual Marin County Family Violence Prevention Summit to promote peace in the home and protect vulnerable populations.
- The Social Host Accountability Ordinance was amended to prohibit marijuana and add party buses and limousines to the underage gatherings at which loud parties are prohibited.
- As part of its "holistic representation" approach, the Public Defender staff has guided struggling clients toward therapeutic programs that led them on the road to recovery.

## DIVERSIFICATION OF SHERIFF'S STAFF

The Sheriff's Office has made a concerted effort over the past three years to diversify its team.

Recognizing that every applicant could bring different experiences to the job, the Sheriff's Office started its Cadet/Intern Program for current college students in 2014. Working with regional colleges, the Sheriff's Office benefitted from the college system's efforts to reach students of different backgrounds. Paid cadets and interns rotate through various roles, serving alongside full-time law enforcement team members.

About 10 cadets and interns have been hired in the past three years after completing the program. Also, 21 percent of all Sheriff's hires were Latino and 54 percent were women, including half of the sworn deputies in 2017.

Diversifying the staff has helped broaden and enrich the department's perspectives, ensuring that the team continues to provide excellent public service to everyone living in Marin.



# ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION

## Highlights from 2016-17:

- Marin County Parks restored a treasured grove of redwoods, restored marshlands and diked wetlands, and acquired Buck's Landing in eastern San Rafael.
- Public Works promoted options to prevent chronic flooding in the Ross Valley, focusing on the use of tax dollars to create new preventative infrastructure.
- Fish spawning was enhanced by a fish passage and stream restoration project and the removal of two dead redwood trees that were repurposed for fish habitat restoration.
- In spring 2017, an exhaustive report packed with scientific data showed the significant impact that sea level rise will have on the County's landscape and infrastructure in the coming years.
- The Board supported the preservation of nearby oceanic marine sanctuaries and opposed offshore oil drilling and other policies seen as potentially detrimental intrusions.



WATER USAGE  
REDUCED BY  
**11 MILLION**  
GALLONS AFTER  
**EDUCATION**  
**CAMPAIGN**



1,892

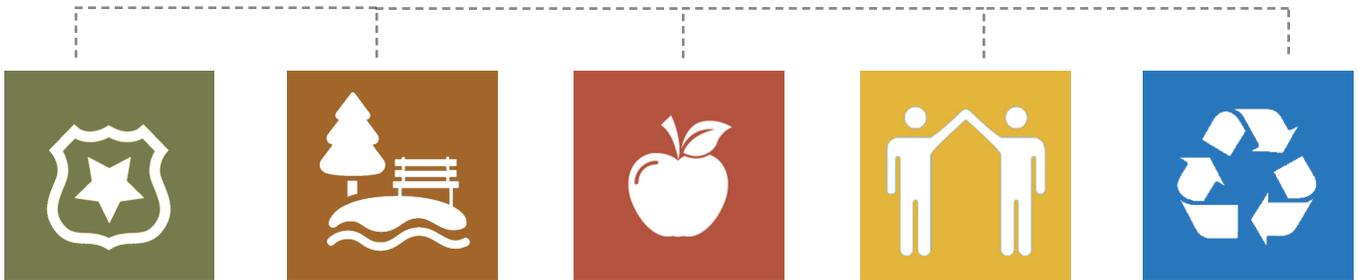
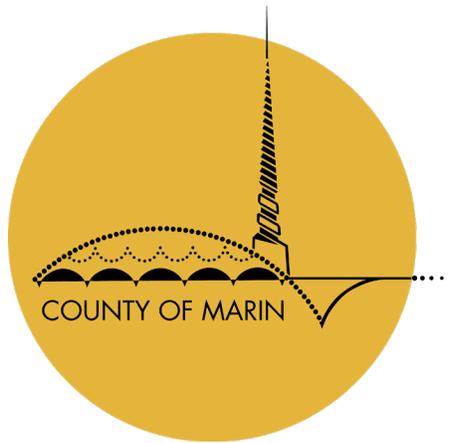
AGRICULTURE  
INSPECTIONS

## 'THINK BEFORE YOU SPRAY' CAMPAIGN

Marin's "Think Before You Spray" campaign is a community-driven project to raise awareness about the use of toxic pest control products around homes and businesses.

After glyphosate (the active ingredient in RoundUp) was labeled as a probable human carcinogen, the County met with concerned residents in fall 2016 to discuss ways to phase out toxins used to eradicate invasive plants and other pests. The County has all but halted its use of pesticides in our parks and open spaces, so "Think Before You Spray" is directed at residents and business owners who buy retail products.

The campaign, which started in spring 2017, included local events, social media, newspaper and bus shelter ads, and a website ([www.yardsmartmarin.org](http://www.yardsmartmarin.org)). The educational effort continues in 2018 with a focus on the impacts of insecticides and rodenticides.



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